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Chapter 1121

It was true, she had failed Charlie!

She thought of Charlie, who wished that she would be happy, and she hurriedly wiped off the tears in her eyes and said with a catch in her throat, "Charlie, don't worry. I will live a good life. I will live happily."

Finally, she calmed herself down, got out of bed, and walked out of the bedroom.

Josiah was sitting on the couch and reading a magazine. He looked at her when he heard the door open. "You're awake?"

When he saw that both her eyes were very swollen, he got up and walked over to her. He used his fingers to wipe away the tear stains under her eye and said, "You've not been crying the whole night, have you?"

Meredith shook her head. She had been having a sweet dream in the middle of the night and had never woken up at all.

She glanced at the surroundings and asked, "Where's Nia?"

"Look at the time now. Nia already went to school a long time ago."

Meredith took a look at the time and it was unexpectedly already nine in the morning.

"Were you the one who sent her to school?"

"Mhm."

"Why didn't you wake me up?" Meredith complained.

"I saw that you were crying so badly yesterday, so you certainly wouldn't have a good night's sleep. I couldn't bear to wake you up."

Meredith breathed in softly and asked, "Why did you return then? Don't you need to work?"

"I'm worried about you."

"I...fine."

"Look at you. You've even gotten sheepish when you said that." Josiah used the tips of his fingers to wipe off the tear stains under her eyes again.

"What do you want to do today? I'll keep you accompanied."

"Don't you need to go to work?"

"Haven't I told you before that you're more important than work?" Josiah said gently, "Let's first have breakfast. You must be starving."

Meredith responded softly, "Mm-hmm."

When they came to the dining table, she saw Josiah serving her a bowl of oatmeal porridge, so she raised her head and said, "Josiah, you don't have to treat me so well. I can't take it."

"Just forget about these polite remarks. First, have a bit of the porridge." Josiah brought a spoonful of porridge to the corner of her mouth.

Meredith raised her hand to take the spoon from him and took a bite herself.

While having the bowl of porridge and looking at the man across from her, the contents of the mail could not help but appear in Meredith's mind.

It was most likely because Josiah was really good to her that Charlie chose to let her go.

Otherwise, with Charlie's character, he would have brought her far far away just like back then, and would never let her return to Josiah's side to be hurt at all.

"I want to go visit Charlie," she said suddenly.

Josiah nodded without thinking twice. "Alright. I'll go with you."

Clearly, he had already figured that she would want to go visit Charlie.

After breakfast, Josiah personally drove her and accompanied her to the cemetery.

Meredith would come to visit Charlie almost every month. The sunflowers that were already dried were still there.

She changed the sunflowers with fresh ones and started standing at the same spot for a very long time.

“Charlie, I’ve received your mail.” She finally managed to spit out a line with great difficulty and then tears immediately started to well up in her eyes.

“Charlie, I know that you want to let me go, but...why didn’t you say so earlier? If you had said it earlier, I would have left you. This way, you might not have left this world.”

Her mind was a mess. Her speech was incoherent.

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In the end, it was Josiah who stopped her and said, “Edith, you don’t have to say anything else anymore. I believe Charlie would understand you.”

Upon saying that, he looked at Charlie’s tomb that was in front of him and said, “Charlie, don’t worry. I certainly won’t fail Edith. I will love her and Nia properly.

“Please believe you. Also, thank you for willingly letting me have Edith.” He bowed seriously to Charlie.

When they left the cemetery, Meredith was still silent the entire journey.

Josiah looked at her and suggested, “Edith, I’ll go somewhere with you this weekend to take your mind off things, alright?”

“No need.”

“We’ll bring Nia along.”

“I want to go away for a period.”

Josiah immediately asked when he heard that, “what did you say? Where do you want to go?”

He slammed on the brakes and stopped the car at the side of the road. His eyes were filled with anxiousness when he looked at her.

“I want to spend some quiet time alone.”

“Edith, you’ve already moved to the apartment. How else do you want to spend some quiet time alone?” Josiah grabbed her shoulders and made her face him.

“Didn’t you already receive Charlie’s mail? Didn’t you promise Charlie just now that you will fulfill his wish and live a good life together with Nia and me? why did you suddenly want to leave again?”

Meredith looked at the anxious man in front of her. Was he so afraid that she would leave?

Without realizing it, she asked, “Josiah, I’m suddenly a little curious. When I left Jehovah City with Charlie back then, were you so anxious as well? Have you once regretted it as well?”

“Of course!” Josiah said loudly, “Not only was I desperately anxious and extremely regretful, but I was desperately searching for you all over the world. It was such a pity that I couldn’t find you no matter what.

“You’ve finally returned. I absolutely won’t allow you to leave again,” Josiah said, “Besides, I believe Charlie also doesn’t hope that I will let you go.”

“I just want to spend a good quiet time by myself and also deal with the work for the branch office.”

“You...” Josiah felt slightly relieved. “So you’re not going to completely disappear? You’re still going to come back?”

“Mhm.”

“How long do you need?” he asked again anxiously, “No matter how long of a quiet time you need, I can let you have it and I can also wait for you, as long as you’re able to tell me when you’ll be returning.”

Meredith also did not know how long she wanted to spend some time in silence, so she simply said a deadline, “Maybe three months. Maybe half a year. I’ll return when I want to return.”

“Must it be that long?” Josiah said with a slight tinge of misery in his tone, “I feel that one month is already a very long time. Nia and I would’ve missed you uncontrollably already.”

“For Nia, please help me talk to her properly.” Meredith paused for a moment. “Also, r 11 have to trouble you to take care of her during this period.”

“You don’t have to worry about Nia at all. It’s just that...” Josiah begged humbly, “Can you shorten the time a little? Just a little.”

Meredith was speechless as she looked at him. “Josiah, I told you that I’m only going to go out and take my mind off things, as well as handle the matters for the branch office. I’m not going to disappear.”

“But the places that you want to go are filled with memories of you and Charlie. Are you sure you’re going to take your mind off things instead of making yourself feel even worse?”

Meredith was speechless.

Josiah compromised, inhaled softly, and said, “Alright. I’ll respect your decision. However, you have to promise me that after you return in three months or half a year, we’ll get married. Our family of three will then be together and not have any conflicts anymore.”

Meredith was still speechless. She never expected that he would bring up such a request, so she was stunned.

“No, I can’t promise you.”

“Why?”

“Because...” Meredith stared at him. “Because I still don’t want to be married to you again right now. As for whether I would want to after I’ve returned in three months or half a year, I have no idea as well.”

What else could Josiah do? He could only continue to give in.

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“I hope that after you return, you will completely let everything go and truly start a new life.”

“Let’s hope so.”

Meredith looked at the trees outside the window and reminded him softly, “Just drive.”

Josiah had no choice but to start the car.

Half a year was not a long period but it was not a short period either.

In those six months after Charlie passed away, Meredith had been suffering to get through every day. Therefore, she chose to go to a different place.

Perhaps she could feel a little better after going to a different place and everything would be completely left in the past.

Therefore, she chose to leave temporarily.

Also, she left for half a year.

In those six months, she went through almost all the places she had been to with Charlie and did everything that they had done together as well.

There were no other intentions. She just treated it as a farewell to the past.

This method was indeed more effective than desperately searching for closure in Jehovah City in the past. At least within half a year, she was gradually moving on.

The moment when she set foot on the plane, she turned around and said goodbye to the piece of land that she was familiar with.

On the plane, because Meredith was not paying attention, she accidentally bumped into a child.

She hurriedly reached out her hand to hold the little boy and said apologetically at the same time, "I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I didn't do it intentionally."

The little boy hung his head and did not say anything. Meredith thought that she made him cry after bumping into him, so she had no choice but to continue apologizing, "Hey, did I hurt you anywhere? I used to be a doctor. If you're in pain, just tell me, alright?"

The little boy looked like he was almost the same age as Nia. He had soft black hair and a fair complexion, and he was exuding a noble air all over him.

On top of that, they were in first class, so the little boy just looked at a child of a rich family at a glance.

However, the child seemed like he did not know how to speak.

While taking a guess at the child's situation, Meredith called out softly, "Hey? Are you alright?"

The boy finally raised his little face and looked straight at her with his black eyes.

It was not because of the boy's cold gaze, but it was because the boy's face shape and features...were actually slightly similar to Nia's.

They had the same fair complexion and they looked just as refined as the other.

“Ni—” Meredith could not help but call out Nia’s name, but she forcibly wallowed her words halfway calling out her name.

Was she missing Nia too much? Has she unexpectedly taken an unfamiliar boy as Nia?

“Hey, kid, where’s your family?”

She was truly very curious about what kind of parents would give birth to such a good-looking child.

No, it should be said, what kind of parents would actually give birth to a child that looked so similar to Nia?

Was it because pretty children were raised in the same way?

The child did not answer her question, but his gaze involuntarily looked ahead.

Meredith followed his gaze and saw a middle-aged lady hurriedly walking toward the little boy while saying anxiously, “Mister, why are you here? Our seats are not over here.”

Upon saying that, the woman apologized to Meredith, “I’m sorry, miss. Did he bump into you? I apologize to you on his behalf.”

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“No, no. I was the one who accidentally bumped into him.” Meredith was just about to ask who she was to the little boy, but the woman seemed to be in a hurry as she pulled the boy away.

She even waved and said at the same time, “As long as everything’s fine. We’ll first return to our seats then.”

“Hey...” Meredith called out.

“Kiddo, let’s go. Any later and your Mommy would be anxious.” The woman pulled the child away.

As the little boy walked off, he kept turning his head back to look at Meredith. That empty gaze of his unexpectedly had some additional hints of reluctance.

Meredith felt a sharp pain in her heart by his sudden gaze. After she watched him leave, she still stood on the spot without moving a muscle at all for a very long time.

She kept feeling that this little boy had a sense of friendliness for some reason. Was it because he looked similar to Nia?

It was after the flight attendant reminded her to take her seat that she returned to her own seat.

It was probably because Meredith saw that little boy that she hurriedly gave Nia a call before the plane took off.

Of course, Nia was elated when she heard that her mommy was returning.

On the other hand, when she heard her daughter's happy voice, Meredith gradually felt at ease as well.

After she hung up the call, she took a look at the direction in which the little boy vanished and breathed in softly.

After the news of Meredith's return was known.

Not only was Nia extremely happy, but Mister Josiah was also, likewise, very happy.

Therefore, when Nia kept saying that she wanted to go to the airport to pick her Mommy up way earlier than the time her flight would have landed, Josiah poked fun at her impatience and said that her Mommy was not going to go anywhere anyway. However, his actions were still very honest as he took the car keys and wanted to drive to the airport himself.

At the crowded airport, the pair of father and daughter waited for one hour before they saw Meredith's figure.

"Look, your Mommy is looking all over the place in search of you," Josiah said while smiling.

Nia jumped and bounced while waving at her mother and called out, "Mommy, there's no need to search anymore. I'm here!"

Meredith looked over at Nia and waved back at her. However, she did not look at Nia for too long before she started searching everywhere for something again.

Nia pulled a long face and said slightly sadly, "Daddy, I feel that Mommy doesn't miss me."

"I should be the one who is sad because your Mommy did not even take a look at me and she already went off to find something."

Nia suddenly thought of something, so she tugged at Josiah and said, "Daddy, do you think Mommy saw a handsome man on the flight so she kept looking for him after they got off the plane?"

Josiah was speechless. He then raised his hand and pushed the child's forehead back. "Kid, you think that your Daddy is not sad enough, so you're deliberately crushing me, aren't you?"

"It's not like that. I'm just worried."

"What would you do if your Mommy truly took a fancy to another man?"

"Don't worry. I will help you to safeguard Mommy together."

"Are you sure?"

"Of course. Haven't I always helped you in the past?"

"Hurry up. Your Mommy is coming out. Go ask her who she is looking for." Josiah turned Nia around and signaled her to hurry over.

Nia obediently ran toward Meredith and hugged her. "Mommy! I missed you so much!"

Meredith hugged her back tightly as well. "Nia, I missed you so much too."

"Mommy, did you notice that I've grown taller?"

Meredith immediately released her and looked at her. "Mhmm. You've grown much taller."

"Mommy, you don't miss Daddy and me at all, don't you?" Nia said with a slight disappointment.

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Meredith was stunned for a while. She looked up at Josiah, who was behind Nia, and said with a faint smile, "Nia, why would you think this way? How can I possibly not miss you?"

"Then do you miss Daddy?" Nia asked again.

Meredith let out a dry cough and nodded. "Of course!"

Her expression looked a little awkward, but Josiah was already a little satisfied.

Of course, he was more worried about what exactly she was searching for earlier. Was it really like what Nia had guessed and she had met a man that she liked on the plane?

In order to quickly get to the bottom of it, he secretly rubbed the top of Nia's head.

Nia immediately understood it and asked, "Mommy, what exactly were you looking for just now?"

"I was looking for a very, very good-looking boy."

"What boy?" Josiah immediately got anxious as soon as he heard that. He grabbed her shoulders and asked, "Edith, how can you take a fancy to another boy? I've finally waited until the day you return, you—"

"What nonsense are you talking about?" Meredith cut him off, "That's just a child. It's not what you're thinking of."

"A..child? How young?" Josiah asked.

Charlie was also just a child back then, but he still took her away from him.

"Almost the same age as Nia."

"That's fine then." Josiah finally felt relieved.

At that moment, it was Meredith who asked them in return, "That boy looked a little similar to Nia and is especially good-looking. Did you see him coming out?"

Ever since she saw that little boy, she kept thinking of them throughout the whole journey. She originally wanted to take advantage of them getting off the plane to greet his parents. However, she did not expect that he would disappear as soon as they got off the plane.

"I didn't see him." Nia shook her head and then she asked her father, "Daddy, did you see him?"

"I didn't see him." Josiah shook his head. Upon saying that, he took Meredith's luggage over and said, "Let's go. Let's go home."

Meredith could not help but feel a little disappointed when she saw the pair of father and daughter did not take what she said seriously. "Did both of you not hear what I just said? That little boy looked very similar to Nia."

Nia said, "Mommy, we heard you. You said that the little boy was just as good-looking as me."

"Not just as good-looking, but looked very similar."

"How similar?" Josiah asked.

"At least fifty percent similar."

She said it very seriously, but Josiah still didn't take it very seriously. He just said in his usual serious tone, "We didn't see him just now. Maybe he went out from another passageway."

Meredith muttered softly, "Oh."

"Edith, you must be hungry. Let's first go and have some food." Josiah used another hand to hold Meredith's hand.

Meredith was still slightly unable to 'let go' of that little boy, but she also had no other way. It would be impossible for her to drag the pair of father and daughter along and search for him all over the airport.

Besides, so what if she found him? Was she just going to let the pair of father and daughter have a look at how much he looked like Nia?

She shook her head and the family of three walked toward the entrance of the airport.

After they got in the car, Nia kept hugging Meredith tightly as if she was afraid that she would disappear again.

Finally, Meredith regained her senses from the matter of the little boy, so she suddenly felt a little guilty and started to feel sorry for her own precious daughter.

She held her tightly without realizing it. "Nia, I missed you very much."

"Really?" As expected, Nia's eyes lit up. "I thought you didn't miss me anymore."

“I was distracted because of the little boy just now.” “Oh,” Nia said, “Mommy, I missed you very much too.”

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“What are we going to eat later then? I’ll buy you dinner.”

“Mommy, Daddy had already prepared all the ingredients for dinner.”

“So we’re going home for dinner?”

“Daddy said that the first meal you’re having after you return should be at home,” Nia then said to Josiah, “right, Daddy?”

Not only did Josiah prepare all the ingredients, he even personally drove over to pick up Meredith and bring her home.

While he was driving, he tilted his head and glanced at the rearview mirror. “Both of you finally thought of talking to me?”

“Daddy, don’t say that. Mommy misses you very much too.”

“Alright. I’ll forgive your Mommy.”

“But I don’t want to have dinner at home,” said Meredith.

“Why?” Nia was confused. “Mommy, isn’t it good to have dinner at home?”

“Your Mommy just doesn’t want to go back to my mansion to have dinner.”

Nia immediately said in relief, “oh, that’s fine then. Daddy has already prepared a new place for you to stay, Mommy.”

“Prepared a new place to stay? Where?” Meredith was confused.

She originally planned to first return to the company to just make do there for a few days.

“You’ll find out when we get there,” said Josiah.

After the car drove into the city, it went in the direction that Meredith was familiar with. As she looked at the streets outside the window that was getting more and more familiar to her, Meredith got even more confused.

Where exactly was Josiah taking her to? Could it be...?

It was after the car stopped in front of a familiar mansion that Meredith completely believed in what she had guessed.

As she looked at the automated gate slowly opening, she asked in surprise, "How did you get the passcode to my house?"

"Is your passcode very hard to guess?" Josiah drove the car into the courtyard.

Meredith was speechless.

That made sense too. Was it not also because of this passcode that he was able to enter Mister Liam's mansion by punching in the passcode the last time?

"Of course, you can't stay outside on the first day you return home. Since Miss Meredith is not willing to return to my mansion, I can only bring you back to Leightons' mansion."

Meredith had already planned on moving back to the Leightons' mansion before she went abroad. After all, this was the place where she grew up in.

In the end, because she went abroad, she did not move in.

Josiah guessed that she would not return to his mansion, so of course, he had long prepared the Leightons' mansion for her.

Looking at the bright and tidy mansion, Meredith asked with confusion, "I didn't notify you guys in advance that I'll be coming back, so when was the mansion tidied up?"

Not only was the mansion properly tidied up, but even the fresh flowers on the table did not seem like they were prepared at the very last minute.

When she decided to return to the country, she did not tell anybody at all.

If she had not met the little boy who looked very similar to Nia on the plane, which made her miss Nia and gave her a call to tell her that she was returning to the country, she would not have told them that she had returned.

Her original plan was to come back and first settle down before going to meet Nia.

"Mommy, Daddy and I have been longing for you to come back every day, so we would come here to prepare everything almost every day."

Nia stepped aside. "Look, Mommy."

There was actually a card on the table welcoming her home that was signed by the pair of father and daughter.

"Mommy, have some fruits." Nia brought a plate of fruits out of the kitchen and placed it in front of her mommy. "This is also prepared by Daddy and me."

"You've even washed the fruits?"

"Mmhmm."

Meredith could not help but look at Josiah.

He smiled at her. "I'll go make dinner."

Upon saying that, he walked toward the kitchen.

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Meredith said, "It's better to let me do it."

The pair of father and daughter made everything so grand, so she was truly not used to it.

"No need," Josiah said, "Nia has been anticipating your return for so long before you did, so just have a good chat with her."

"That's right, Mommy. I have so, so many things that I want to say to you."

"Is that so? Are you going to tell me about school?" Meredith brought Nia to take a seat and then said with a faith smile, "I have been abroad, but I've always been paying attention to you. I know everything about you that happened at school."

Meredith said again, "However, if you're willing to tell me, I'm still very keen to hear it."

"Not only do I want to tell you about the matters at school, but I also want to tell you about the matters outside and at home."

"Alright. Let's take our time to chat then."

In the kitchen, Josiah was making dinner while listening to the mother and daughter chat. They talked about school and life, and they occasionally even talked about him.

Whenever he was mentioned, he would prick up his ears and listen carefully. He was afraid that he would miss out on some important information.

In the kitchen, Josiah's phone rang.

He wiped both of his hands clean and picked up his phone as he was prepared to answer the call, when he saw the number on it, he could not help but stop his movements for a moment.

It was after a long while that he clicked on the answer button.

"Hello..." His voice was very soft and it had a sense of suspicion.

A familiar yet strange voice could be heard coming from the other end of the call. "Joe, I'm back."

Josiah softly mumbled, "Mmhmm." Then, he said, "When did you return?"

"Today."

"Mmhmm." The suspicion on Josiah's face faded and his tone also became calm. "But why are you calling me?"

"I just wanted to tell you that I came back together with your mother."

Josiah was speechless and he instantly fell silent.

"We're already at home. When are you coming back?" Asked the girl on the other end of the call.

Josiah stayed silent for a very long while before saying. "Which home are you at?"

"Of course, it's your mansion," said the girl, "I heard from Lily that you've gone out, so your mother asked me to give you a call."

Josiah looked at the mother and daughter in the living room. It so happened that his eyes met Meredith's eyes, so he quickly avoided her line of sight.

"I'm not free today. I may only return tomorrow."

"Tomorrow?" The girl was stunned. "Do you need that long?" "I'm together with my wife and child. Is that very long?"

This time, it was the girl's turn to be silent.

It was after a long while that she said, "But if you take too long, I'm afraid that your mother would not be happy."

"It's fine. Please help me let her know and it'll be fine."

After the girl considered for a moment, she agreed, "Alright."

Josiah hung up the call but he could not calm down after a long time.

He did not expect that his mother, who had already disappeared for almost ten years, would appear again, and she would appear at this juncture.

Why did she return that day after abandoning him for so many years?

Could it be just as simple as meeting him once?

He buried all these distracting thoughts deep down as he decided to leave all of his time and thoughts for Meredith on the first day she returned.

Just like the original plan, not only did Mister Josiah make a table full of delicious foods, but he even put the cake and red wine that he had prepared in advance on the table.

After he was done putting everything on the table, he called out in the direction of the living room, "Edith, Nia, get over here for dinner."

Nia immediately pulled her mommy to the table while saying, "Look, Mommy, hasn't Daddy's cooking improved very much?" Meredith looked at the dishes on the table and it indeed look his he had improved a little compared to the past.

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Also, she had heard from Nia earlier that ever since she left, Josiah often personally cooked for her, dropped her off and picked her up from school, and did his part to be a good father.

When she heard that, Meredith was still more or less a little touched.

Josiah poured a glass of red wine for Meredith and a glass of juice for Nia, then he was the first to raise his glass. "Edith, welcome home."

"Mommy, welcome home," Nia echoed his father, and then she sensibly added, "I hope that our family of three would never be apart again."

"Look at her. As expected, our Nia is really already in second grade, she's even better with her words now." Josiah patted Nia's little head with incredible satisfaction.

"That's because this is what's on my mind," Nia said with a smile.

Meredith raised her glass and toasted with the pair of father and daughter, she then said with a faint smile, "Alright, I'll promise you, Nia, that I'll never leave again in the future."

"Does it mean that you've agreed to return to Nia and my side?" Josiah was overjoyed. He suppressed his excitement as he turned to Nia and said, "Nia, I didn't hear it wrong, right?"

"You heard it right, Daddy. I've heard it too." Nia was even happier. She then said to her Mommy, "Mommy, you have to keep your word, alright?"

"Mmhmm. I'll keep my word."

"Yay, that's great!" Nia cheered.

Josiah put a piece of buttered shrimp, which she had not had in a long time, on her plate, and asked her seriously, "So, Edith, does it mean you've agreed to return to my side? Are you...going to marry me again?"

Meredith looked at him and was suddenly reminded of his expression earlier when he answered the call, and then she shook her head. "I didn't say that. I'll think about it for a while."

When she made her way back this time, she had originally planned to fulfill Charlie's dying wish and also Nia's wish by returning to Josiah's side to live her life well.

However...

When she saw that both the father and daughter's expressions were stunned, she smiled and said, "Hurry up and eat. It's not going to be tasty when it gets cold later."

Nia looked at her Mommy sadly and said, "Mommy, you've already said that, so how is Daddy going to be able to swallow his food?"

Meredith looked at Josiah and realized that his expression was gradually getting upset.

Finally, he put his fork down and stared at her. "Meredith, is this the result I'm getting after I've waited for you and looked forward to it so eagerly for six months?"

Meredith was speechless, she then put a piece of meat into Josiah's bowl and said, "I was just joking just now. Look how frightened you and Nia are."

"You were just joking?"

Meredith bit the bullet and said, "Mmhmm."

She could not argue with Josiah in front of Nia, could she?

"Alright. You're the one who said it. Nia's my witness." Josiah picked up his fork again.

"Alright, I '11 be the witness." Nia heard that her Mommy was only joking, so she also finally laughed along.

After dinner, Josiah went on to clean up the kitchen and then came to Meredith's bedroom on the second floor.

"Where's Nia?" He asked.

"She's doing her homework." Meredith was arranging her clothes. She got up and said to him, "Josiah, thank you for preparing this mansion for me. I like it very much."

"It's your mansion. I only helped you to decorate it a little."

"In any case, thank you."

This was her mother's mansion and was previously occupied by her vicious father and her stepmother's family.

She thought that she would never be getting the mansion back anymore in this life, and had never expected that she could actually still move back in.

She looked at Josiah, who was in front of her, and she was having an incomparably mixed feeling.

It was because of him back then that her family was broken. Later, it was also because he bought her mansion to return it to her that she could become the owner of the mansion again.

Was she grateful for him? Of course, she could not do that.

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Did she hate him? Of course, she did. However, she had no choice but to bury this hatred deep down for the sake of Nia.

“Edith.” Josiah walked toward her and held her shoulders with both his hands. “I really missed you very much.”

Upon saying that, he lowered his head and kissed her lips.

Meredith was speechless.

When she felt the familiar breath and touch, Meredith struggled a little. “Josiah, don’t be like that!”

Josiah was hurt by her once again. Even his gaze was exuding sadness deep within as he looked at her. “Edith, did you only say what you said at the dining table just now to comfort Nia?”

Meredith did not answer his question. Instead, she stared at him and asked him in return, “Josiah, who was the one who called you just now?”

A tinge of surprise flashed across Josiah’s eyes. He clearly did not expect that she would suddenly ask about that.

He originally thought that it was just a coincidence that he made eye contact with her when he was answering the call earlier, but it looked like she had already heard it.

“It’s Ivy.”

“Ivy?” Meredith was stunned for a while. “The heiress of the Landers Group in the past?”

“Yes.”

“She…” Meredith did her best to recall this person.

The Landers Group had already gone bankrupt more than ten years ago. Before they went bankrupt, however, as the apple of the Landerses’ eyes, Ivy was considered to be somewhat popular.

Not only was Ivy's appearance pure and beautiful, but she was also very knowledgeable. In short, she was outstanding in every way.

It could be said that it was only after the Landers Group went bankrupt and Ivy went out of the picture that the title of the top socialite in Jehovah city landed on Meredith.

Therefore, why did Ivy, who had disappeared for more than ten years, get in contact with Josiah?

"I recalled that you seemed to be closest to Ivy and Liam in the past," she said.

Speaking of that, the bitterness deep within her could hardly be concealed.

Of course, Josiah could tell that, so he smiled and said, "It looks like Miss Meredith had always been paying quite a lot of attention to me."

"It seemed like it was no longer a secret since a long time ago that I've started liking Mister Josiah since I was ten, isn't it?"

"That's true." Josiah nodded.

Meredith looked at him. Seeing that he did not say anything else for a long time, she could not help but ask, "So why exactly did she contact you this time?"

"She called me to tell me that my mother has returned to the country."

"Your mother?" Meredith was surprised again.

"Yes, my mother, the one who had abandoned me since I was very young." It was rare that a sense of sorrow flashed across Josiah's deep-set eyes. "I also have no idea why she suddenly returned and why she still has the cheek to contact me."

"Your mother is not your enemy. If she wasn't out of options, she never would have left you," Meredith said miserably, "Mister Josiah, you've never experienced seeing your mother die before your eyes, so of course, you can't feel that kind of pain and understand the importance of a mother."

Josiah did not expect that he would suddenly bring up her sorrow.

He hurriedly changed the topic. "I'm sorry, Edith. Regarding your mother, it's my fault."

"It's all in the past now." This was the phrase that she always used.

"It's all in the past now, but I still want to defend myself. I truly didn't deliberately force your mother to her death back then. I was just too angry at you that I didn't lend her a hand and help you rescue her out of prison."

“Josiah, don’t talk about it anymore. If you speak any further, I’m afraid that I would hate you to my bones.” Meredith’s expression darkened.

All of these were sore spots, which were buried at the bottom of her heart, that she could not make peace with.

At any time, it would be possible for herself or others to bring it up, which would make her sad about it again.

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Josiah also knew that, so he did not dare to say anything else anymore. He then hurriedly changed the topic. “Edith, didn’t you want to know about Ivy? Let’s talk about Ivy then.”

Meredith shot a glance at him. “Go on then.”

“Ivy’s mother and my mother are best friends. After the Landers Group fell apart back then, Mister and Mrs. Landers happened to have passed away in a severe car accident. You should know about this. Later, my mother pitied Ivy, so she took her in and let her stay by her side. Out of gratitude, Ivy went to medical school and had been serving by my mother’s side as a personal doctor after she graduated.

“Therefore, after my mother returned to the country, it was her who gave me the call,” said Josiah.

“That’s all?” Meredith was a little less than convinced.

“Otherwise, what else could there be?” Josiah raised his eyebrows at her and said with a faint smile, “Edith, you’re not jealous of her, are you?”

Meredith was speechless, she let out a few awkward dry coughs. “You’re thinking too much.”

“But I think that you clearly are.” Josiah took one step toward her and put her in his embrace. “Edith, this is the best gift you’ve given to me. I really am very happy and also very touched.”

Upon saying that, he lowered his head and kissed her on her forehead.

As he was preparing to follow along her cheeks and continue kissing downward, she avoided him.

Josiah was a little disappointed, but he still respected her.

It was better to take his time.

Because it was almost nearing New Year's day, Nia was already on her winter break.

The following day, Meredith was prepared to visit Charlie's grave in the morning and take Nia shopping in the afternoon.

She got up very early in the morning and she realized that Josiah had already prepared breakfast.

After not seeing him for half a year, he was quite skilled at making breakfast. The sandwich that he made was already comparable to the ones served in the shops.

When he heard that she wanted to visit Charlie's grave, Josiah said that he wanted to take her there without skipping a beat at all.

Meredith looked at him with confusion. "Isn't your mother back? Don't you need to go back to visit her?"

"I want to take you along with me to visit her." Josiah ate his breakfast while lifting his eyes to take a glance at her. "But I'm guessing you probably won't accompany me there now."

Meredith was slightly surprised, and then she nodded her head. "It's good that you know that."

Josiah and Meredith were in a divorced relationship at that moment, so it was absolutely inappropriate for her to accompany him to visit his mother.

"So, I want to wait until you feel that it's appropriate before I go over," Josiah said seriously.

Meredith, however, was confused.

"Josiah, that is your mother. Your mother, whom you've not met for more than ten years, has finally returned to the country.

There's only just a short distance between you, yet you're not going to go back to visit her?"

Did he think that he would be able to legitimize their relationship within the next couple of days and then she would accompany him to meet Mrs. Shelby?

Josiah looked at her and did not say anything for a long time.

Finally, he sighed softly, "Edith, you don't understand."

"I indeed don't quite understand it," said Meredith, "but I feel you should go back to visit her today no matter what."

"I've said it just now. I want to wait until you're willing to go together with me before I go over."

After he thought about it over and over again, there was only one kind of goal for his mother to suddenly return from abroad, and that was to fix him and Ivy up.

Therefore, he must bring his wife and daughter home together to directly let his mother give up the idea directly and not leave any possibilities at all.

Of course, Meredith did not understand because Josiah did not tell her last night that this was most possibly the goal of his mother.